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SUBJ: CHAIRMANSHIP OF FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON MEAT.

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1. AUSTRALIAN CALLED TO ASK OUR VIEWS ON GOOD CHAIRMAN FOR UPCOMING MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON MEAT. HE INDICATED TALKS IN CAPITALS HAD ELIMINATED AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA AND U.S. FROM INTEREST IN CHAIRMANSHIP THIS TIME EVEN THOUGH IT SHOULD BE TURN OF A DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

2. REMAINING DC CHOICES FORCE US TO AN EEC COUNTRY OR EASTERN BLOC COUNTRY. SINCE MUCH OF DISCUSSION MAY WELL BE ON EFFECTS OF EUROPEAN DROUGHT AND EEC MEAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, EEC COUNTRY IS NOT AN IMPARTIAL CHOICE. EITHER ROMANIA OR YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT MAKE REASONABLE CHAIRMAN. JAPAN IS ALSO A CHOICE THOUGH LINGUISTIC DIFFICULTIES AND NEWNESS OF JAPANESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO FAO MAKE THIS A POOT ALTERNATIVE.

3. IF EEC COUNTRY IS CHOICE FOR CHAIRM,, THEN LOGICAL CHOICE WOULD BE UK WHICH CHAIRED MEAT STATISTICAL GROUP LAST TIME. BORSODY OF FAO HAS WORD THAT UK REPRESENTATIVE, MALIK, WILL BE COMING AGAIN TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON MEAT.VOLPE

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